

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2020 Increase Recycling Working Group Meeting

Present: See Attachment A

Next meeting: November 23, 2020, 1:00pm

Prepared by: Elizabeth Moore, DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting started at 10:00am.

Co-chairs Laura Francis, First Selectman, Town of Durham and Ben Florsheim, Mayor, City of Middletown provided welcoming remarks, introductions, housekeeping rules and an overview of the Increase Recycling Working Group as part of the CCSMM initiative process.

II. Committee Reports

The chairs noted the CCSMM Environmental Justice meeting presentation on October 28, 2020. They also shared the results from the poll taken at the previous Increase Recycling Working Group meeting on October 27, 2020. The poll asked attendees “What topics should we cover at the next Increase Recycling Working Group meeting?” and “Source-separating glass (increasing quality/ value)” was the top answer.

Based on received public comments and the poll, a panel composed of the following representatives presented on measures to improve the quality of recovered materials, developing and supporting recycling end-markets (for glass and building materials) and construction and demolition debris:

Eric Forbes, Director, Solid Waste Management Program, Fairfax County, Virginia presented on Managing, Processing, and Utilizing Glass Locally

Sherill Baldwin, Environmental Analyst, Sustainable Materials Management, CT DEEP presented on Building Deconstruction: The Value of Reuse

Stephanie Phillips, Senior Historic Preservation Specialist, Office of Historic Preservation, San Antonio, Texas presented on San Antonio’s Deconstruction and Salvage Initiative

III. Roundtable

There was opportunity for Q&A of the panelists. The working group discussed source-separated glass feedstocks and contracts, tipping fees, contamination, operating costs, initial funding requirements, machinery footprint/ energy needs, uses for glass/ markets, necessary education for residents and drop off sites for additional materials like metals and cardboard.

Other questions focused on comparing deconstruction and demolition costs, time considerations and job creation opportunities. Members also discussed incentives for deconstruction and materials that defy reclamation.

Members were interested in statewide initiatives as well as opportunities for regional work through country structures or COGs.

Other discussion included next steps, including upcoming meeting dates and the following intended upcoming meeting topics: Municipal Transfer Station General Permits, Satellite Sites; Pros and Cons of Waste Authorities and How to Create One; and Recycling and Waste Contracts.

IV. Public Comment

Members of the public were asked to use the “chat” feature to indicate if they wanted to make a comment or send comments to DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov.

Myra Klockenbrink, Greenwich asked about energy requirements/ emission rates for glass processing.

Mike Ewall, Energy Justice Network asked if the glass or other material that cannot be marketed once it hits the MRF in Virginia is actually going to a landfill, or if it is being burned at the Covanta Fairfax incinerator, which he noted as the largest air polluter in the DC region and 3rd largest incinerator in the U.S. Mike Ewall also asked if there are any estimates on what percentage of discarded glass is still being put out with curbside recycling vs. being dropped off at glass drop-off vs. being put in trash cans to burn at Covanta.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:56am

Attachment A.

Attended	User Name (Original Name)			
Yes	Pamela Roach - SCRCOG (PamelaRoach)			
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Yes	Elly Moore - DEEP (Elizabeth Moore)			
Yes	Shubhada Kambli - Hartford (ShubhadaKambli)			
Yes	DianeLauricella			
Yes	Terri Christenson - Harwinton (TerriChristenson)			
Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer - RiverCOG (janice RiverCOG)			
Yes	MyraKlockenbrink			
Yes	Sally Davies - Greenwich Recycling Advisory Board (SallyDavies)			
Yes	Sherill Baldwin - DEEP (Sherill Baldwin)			
Yes	Caren Harder - DEEP (CarenHarder)			
Yes	Eric Forbes - SPEAKER (Eric Forbes)			
Yes	TONYMANFRE			
Yes	Julie DesChamps - Greenwich Recycling Advisory Board (JulieDesChamps)			

Yes	Brian Bartram - Salisbury/Sharon TS (BrianBartram)			
Yes	Todd Fontanella - WestCOG (ToddFontanella)			
Yes	Robert Bessel - Canton (RobertBessel)			
Yes	VirginiaWalton			
Yes	Linda Orr - Torrington (LindaOrr)			
Yes	Jessica Paladino - Norwalk (JessicaPaladino)			
Yes	Kimberly Chatey - East Granby (KimberlyChatey)			
Yes	carey hurlburt - DEEP (careyhurlburt)			
Yes	Cyril May - Waterbury (CyrilMay)			
Yes	Paul Aresta - CEQ (PaulAresta)			
Yes	Katherine Bruns - West Hartford (KatherineBruns)			
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Yes	Robert Isner - DEEP (robertisner)			
Yes	Scott Kalb - Greenwich Waste Management Committee (ScottKalb)			
Yes	Jennifer Heaton-Jones - HRRRA (JenniferHeaton-Jones)			
Yes	JenniferWeymouth			
Yes	Raymond Drew - Torrington (RaymondDrew)			
Yes	Laura Francis - Durham (Laura Francis)			
Yes	Ben Florsheim - Middletown (Laura Francis)			

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Yes	Kim O'Rourke - Middletown (KimO'Rourke)			
Yes	Robert Samek - Old Saybrook (RobertSamek)			
Yes	CarolynBayne			
Yes	Carolyn Bayne - Darien Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CarolynBayne)			
Yes	CarolynBayne			
Yes	Stephanie Phillips - SPEAKER (Stephanie Phillips)			
Yes	JanicePlaziak			
Yes	Janice Plaziak - Guilford (JanicePlaziak)			
Attendee Details				
Attended	User Name (Original Name)	City	State/Province	Organization
Yes	Hillary Glass	Hartford	CT	RSG
Yes	Michael Bzdyra	Hartford	AL	Murtha Cullina LLC
Yes	Pamela Roach	North Haven	CT	SCRCOG
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Yes	Shubhada Kambli	Hartford	CT	City of Hartford
Yes	Diane Lauricella - Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition (Diane Lauricella)	Norwalk	CT	Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition
Yes	Terri Christenson	Harwinton	CT	Town of Harwinton
Yes	Louis Rosado Burch	Hamden	CT	Citizens Campaign for the Environment
Yes	April Regan	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & Recycling
Yes	Lisa Fecke	New Britain	AL	Gaffney, Bennett
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Yes	janice RiverCOG	Essex	CT	RiverCOG
Yes	Myra Klockenbrink - Greenwich Sustainability	Greenwich	CT	Town Sustainability Committee

	Committee (Myra Klockenbrink)			
Yes	Sally Davies	Greenwich	CT	Greenwich Recycling Advisory Board
Yes	Caren Harder	Hartford	CT	DEEP
Yes	Brennan Georgianni	Washington	DC	Plastics Industry Association
Yes	TONY MANFRE - South Windsor (TONY MANFRE)	SOUTH WINDSOR	CT	TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR
Yes	Julie DesChamps	Greenwich	CT	Greenwich Sustainability Committee
Yes	Brian Bartram	Salisbury/Sharon	CT	Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station
Yes	Todd Fontanella	Sandy Hook	CT	Western Connecticut Council of Governments
Yes	Liz Connelly	Hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting LLC
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Yes	Robert Bessel	Canton	CT	Town of Canton, CT
Yes	Virginia Walton - Mansfield (Virginia Walton)	Storrs	CT	Town of Mansfield
Yes	Linda Kowalski	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC
Yes	Linda Kowalski			
Yes	Josh Hughes	West Hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting
Yes	Linda Orr	Torrington	CT	City of Torrington
Yes	James Woulfe	Farmington	CT	The Connecticut Group, LLC
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Yes	Jessica Paladino	Norwalk	CT	City of Norwalk
Yes	Kimberly Chatey	East Granby	CT	Town of East Granby
Yes	Evan Dantos	Hartford	CT	R+C
Yes	Jay Aronson	Bloomfield	CT	Consensus Government

				Consulting on Behalf of TOMRA
Yes	carey hurlburt	hartford	CT	CT DEEP
Yes	Cyril May	Waterbury	CT	Waterbury Public Works
Yes	sean hughes	Old Saybrook	CT	Hughes & Cronin
Yes	Paul Aresta	Hartford	CT	CEQ
Yes	John Pizzimenti	Enfield	CT	F & G LLC
Yes	Becky Bunnell	Fairfield	CT	SFTF
Yes	kevin spinella	New britain	CT	Gaffney bennett and assoc
Yes	Brian Sullivan	Hartford	CT	Przybysz + Associates Government Affairs
Yes	Brian Sullivan			
Yes	Katherine Bruns	West Hartford	CT	Department of Public Works
Yes	Luis de la Parte	Rocky Hill	CT	Sacyr
Yes	robert isner	hartford	AL	deep
Yes	Scott Kalb	Greenwich	CT	First Selectman's Waste Management Committee
Yes	Jennifer Heaton-Jones	Brookfield	CT	Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority
Yes	Jennifer Weymouth - DEEP (Jennifer Weymouth)	Hartford	AL	CTDEEP
Yes	Karen Weeks	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC
Yes	Raymond Drew	Torrington	CT	City Of Torrington
Yes	Mike Ewall	Philadelphia	PA	Energy Justice Network
Yes	Ashley Muspratt	Northampton	MA	CET
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Yes	Kim O'Rourke	Middletown	CT	City of Middletown CT
Yes	Robert Samek	Old Saybrook	CT	Old Saybrook
Yes	Carolyn Bayne - Darien Advisory Committee on Sustainability (Carolyn Bayne)	Darien	CT	Darien Advisory Committee on Sustainability

Yes	Steven Changaris	Auburn	MA	CT Chapter, Nat'l Waste & Recycling Assoc
Yes	Eric Fredericksen	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & recycling
Yes	Janice Plaziak	Guilford	CT	Town of Guilford
Other Attended				
Tom Metzner - DEEP				
Chris Nelson - DEEP				
Sherill Baldwin - DEEP				